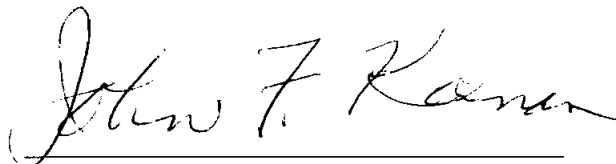


There is a strong presumption of public access to "judicial documents," or "items filed with the court that are relevant to the performance of the judicial function and useful in the judicial process." In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, 454 F. Supp. 2d 220, 222 (S.D.N.Y. 2006) (quoting SEC v. TheStreet.com, 273 F.3d 222, 231 (2d Cir. 2001)). A federal court's decision whether to disqualify counsel in order to preserve the integrity of the adversary process is an important part of the judicial function. Cf. Centauri Shipping Ltd. v.

Western Bulk Carriers KS, 528 F. Supp. 2d 197, 205 (S.D.N.Y. 2007) (denying request to seal Rule 11 proceedings because they served "the essential purpose of permitting this Court to perform its Article III duties of deterring abuses of the judicial process and imposing sanctions to achieve that end, if necessary" (internal quotation marks omitted)). The information set forth in the Opinion was relevant and necessary to the discharge of this function, thus creating a strong presumption of public access that is not overcome by any competing concerns. United States v. Amodeo, 71 F.3d 1044, 1049 (2d Cir. 1995). Therefore, to the extent quoted or discussed in the Opinion, information originally filed under seal is hereby unsealed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
May 20, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John F. Keenan", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN F. KEENAN
United States District Judge